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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research  
From: Acting Chief, Geography Division

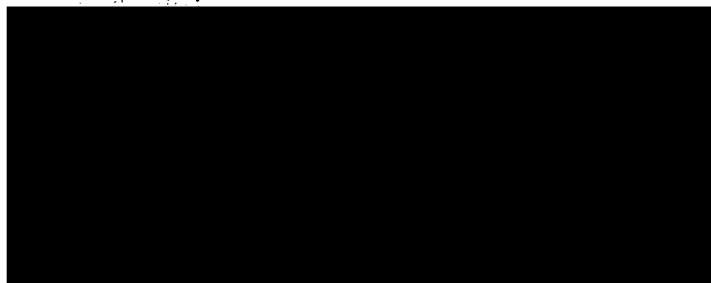
Project No. 64.1786  
Date: 13 July 1959

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Geographic Factors Affecting Concealment of Soviet Underground Nuclear Explosions.
2. Statement of Problem: To define and evaluate the factors that would aid or hinder Soviet efforts to conceal underground nuclear tests. To determine the areas that would be most suitable for such concealment efforts. See letter of request for outline.
3. Requester: AD/ST. Letter of request dated 25 June 1959 attached. Preliminary phase of this request -- see paragraph 6 -- was completed as G/S 59-2.  
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4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] GG/S
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired: Preparation of maps by D/GC.
6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GC: 300
7. Probable Completion Date: Open
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RM GR
9. Recommended Action Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: To requester only.

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Acting Chief, Geography Division

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